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Rio, March 28, 1989

Ref.: Brazilian Patent Application No. PI 8307428 (PCT)  
filed on June 27, 1983  
PHILIP MORRIS INCORPORATED  
Your letter dated of February 2, 1989  
Your ref.: PAS/CS/25749

Dear Sirs:

We acknowledge the instructions contained in your above-men-  
tioned letter and confirm that a reply to the outstanding of-  
fice action was duly filed.

However, we have noted that the dependencies of claims 6, 7,  
8, 11 do not conform to Brazilian rules, which, while permit-  
ting multiple dependencies, do not allow a multiple dependent  
claim to include another multiple dependent claim in its  
lines of dependencies. Therefore, we draw your attention to  
the fact that a further office action might be issued on the  
above point.

We therefore, are enclosing herewith copie of the petition  
concerning the reply to the outstanding office action (in-  
cluding the retyped pages).

We trust that the above action meets with your satisfaction  
and will now only return to you when a further office action  
or a final decision is issued.

Yours faithfully

  
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